

Harmony Township
Warren County, New Jersey
R:09-49

**TOWNSHIP OF HARMONY SUBMISSION OF ~~PETITION TO CONFORM TO THE~~
PRESERVATION AREA OF THE HIGHLANDS ~~MASTER PLAN~~**

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act created a land use planning system requiring the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) to prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan for the Highlands Region; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act requires that within 15 months after the effective date of the Regional Master Plan, or December 8, 2009, each municipality located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area shall submit an amendment to its municipal master plan and development regulations, as applicable to the development and use of land in the Preservation Area, as may be necessary to conform them with the goals, requirements and provisions of the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance); and

WHEREAS, Harmony Township is located in the Highlands Region with lands lying within both the Preservation Area and Planning Area, as defined by Section 7 of the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, Harmony Township has reviewed and considered maps generated by the Highlands Council, a draft master plan element, draft land use ordinances, a draft environmental resource inventory, and initial assessment study all relating to the application of the Highlands' statutorily mandated goals and requirements on the Township, and at this time the Township finds all such documentation to be in need of extensive review and further revisions; the Township reserves its right to supplement and amend the draft documents as the Preservation Area conformance process continues; and

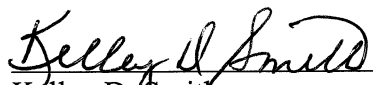
WHEREAS, Harmony Township intends to continue to review and revise the above-stated documentation and submit same to the Highlands Council in order to be compliant with the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act requires that a Petition to conform to the Preservation Area be filed with the Highlands Council no later than December 8, 2009 for Preservation Area lands, which will incorporate draft planning and implementation documents that meet the requirements of the Highlands Act, and


WHEREAS, in accordance with the Highlands Act, the Highlands Council shall consider a Petition for Plan Conformance as to the Preservation Area, and accept, reject or accept with conditions, a Petition for Plan Conformance, as it deems appropriate, to conform them to the Regional Master Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Harmony Township hereby submits this Petition to conform to the Preservation Area, as it relates to the development and use of land for the lands within the Preservation Area of the municipality, in accordance with the Highlands Act.

I, Kelley D. Smith, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Harmony, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Harmony Township Committee at a meeting held on December 1, 2009.


Kelley D. Smith
Municipal Clerk

Date: December 1, 2009


Brian R. Tipton, Mayor